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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT:REFUGEES ABOARD MV WORLD LEADER

REFS: (A) TOKYO 7536 (B) SINGAPORE 2433

1. AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT GOS CAN BE
PERSUADED TO ALLOW OFFLOADING OF REFUGEES AT ST.JOHNS ISLAND.
IF THIS STRATEGY FAILS, WE WILL ADVISE YOU ON AN ALTERNATIVE
COURSE OF ACTION.

2. FYI, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT TO SINGAPORE IN
RESPONSE TO REFTEL 2433 QUOTE PARA ONE: REFTELS ARE BEING
PROCESSED. ALTHOUGH THIS PROCEDURE GENERALLY TAKES ONLY A
WEEK TO TEN DAYS, IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBERS OF APPLI-
CATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO US, THERE MAY BE A
SLIGHT DELAY. PARA. TWO: YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ASSURE THE
SINGAPORE AUTHORITIES THAT USG WILL ACCEPT ALL REFUGEES WHO
ARE DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AND WHO DESIRE TO
SETTLE IN THE UNITED STATES. WE WILL ARRANGE TO TRANSPORT
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THE REFUGEES TO THE U.S. AS SOON AS THEIR PROCESSING IS

COMPLETED. FYI. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SOME REFUGEES MAY
NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU SHOULD
INDICATE TO SINGAPORE AUTHORITIES THAT ALL APPLICATIONS ARE
STILL PENDING AND THAT THE DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE ON
A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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